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SUBJ: WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (WAEC) CONFERENCE OF
EXPERTS OPENS IN ACCRA

SUMMARY: FIVE-DAY MEETING OF JURISTS AND EXPERTS TO DRAW UP
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DRAFT TREATY ESTABLISHING A WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (WAEC)

OPENED IN ACCRA FEBRUARY 11. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS TO PREPARE TREATY TO SUBMIT TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NIAMEY NEXT MONTH. GHANAIAN GOVERNMENT USED OCCASION TO CRITICIZE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TOO DEPENDENT ON FORMER METROPOLES FOR HANDOUTS AND TO CALL FOR AFRICAN UNITY AND SELF-RELIANCE IN FACE OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN DISREGARD FOR AFRICA. WITH RHETORIC AND AN INFERRED EXPRESSION OF GOG'S CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO REVERSE PREFERENCES OUT OF THE WAY, CONFERENCE CAN NOW GET DOWN TO BUSINESS. END SUMMARY.

1. FIVE-DAY MEETING OF JURISTS AND EXPERTS TO CONSIDER PROPOSED DRAFT TREATY ESTABLISHING A WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OPENED IN ACCRA FEBRUARY 11. CHAIRMAN GHANA'S RULING NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL TOLD LEADERS OF DELEGATIONS DURING COURTESY CALL THAT MEETING PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE TO "IMPERIALISTS" THAT WEST AFRICANS CAN UNITE. HE SAID, "EITHER WE UNITE ECONOMICALLY OR WE PERISH."

2. IN WELCOMING ADDRESS TO OPENING SESSION, MAJOR R.J.A.NSELLI, COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, DEVELOPED AND ELABORATED ON THE ANTI-FOREIGN AND AFRICAN UNITY THEMES. THANKING THE GOVERNMENTS OF TOGO AND NIGERIA AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ECA FOR THEIR WORK IN PREPARING THE DRAFT TREATY ARTICLES, FELLI WARNED THE DELEGATES AGAINST ENGAGING IN LONG AND FRUITLESS DEBATE AND ADMONISHED THEM THAT THEIR ONLY DUTY WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE TREATY THEY APPROVED FOR NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN NIAMEY REFLECTED THE POLITICAL WILL OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED AT LAST YEAR'S LOME MEETING.

3. IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO SOME FRANCOPHONE STATES, FELLI CRITICIZED THOSE AFRICANS WHO HAVE BEEN "CONDITIONED" TO ACCEPT ROLE OF DEPENDENCE AND ARE "AFRAID TO THROW IN" THEIR LOT WITH FELLOW AFRICANS, ADDING THAT AFRICA COULD NOT RELY ON REGULAR OR PALTRY GIFTS FROM EUROPE. HE SOFTENED THE CRITICISM SOMEWHAT BY WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FROM DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF WEST AFRICA BUT ONLY ON BASIS OF EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. FELLI SAID THAT AFRICANS CANNOT LOOK ACROSS THE SEAS OR RELY ON OUTSIDERS FOR THEIR "ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION."

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4. THE COMMISSIONER CITED VIOLATIONS OF UN SANCTIONS (CHROME PURCHASES FROM RHODESIA, ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL) AS PROOF THAT EUROPE AND AMERICA WILL ABANDON THEIR "PROTEGES" IN AFRICA WITH ALACRITY WHEN CHIPS ARE DOWN. HE CONCLUDED BY WARNING AFRICANS AGAINST SUCCUMBING TO EXPECTED EXTERNAL ATTEMPTS TO DEFLECT WEST AFRICANS FROM THIS MARCH TOWARD UNITY.

5. COMMENT: WITH RHETORIC OUT OF WAY AND GHANAIAAN PROMOTION OF
NRC'S SELF-RELIANCE POLICIES PUBLICIZED, CONFERENCE CAN NOW GET
DOWN TO BUSINESS. AT SAME TIME, FELLI'S CALL FOR UNITY AND
CRITICISM OF AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TOO DEPENDENT ON FORMER
METROPOLES IS NOT MERE WINDOW DRESSING. GOG APPARENTLY HAS NOT
SOFTENED ITS OPPOSITION TO REVERSE PREFERENCES OR FOREIGN
DOMINATION OF AFRICAN ECONOMIES IN ITS DETERMINATION IMPROVE
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